

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1           1.     A circuit comprising:  
2           an input inductor-capacitor (LC) circuit;  
3           a first and a second output inductor-capacitor (LC) circuit;  
4           a first transistor connected to the input LC circuit and the first output LC circuit; and  
5           a second transistor connected to the first transistor and the second output LC circuit;  
6           wherein in differential mode said first and second output LC circuits each form an output  
7 impedance matching network for first and second output terminals, respectively, and in common  
8 mode said first and second output LC circuits are grounded.

1           2.     The circuit according to Claim 1, wherein the circuit is adapted for connection via  
2 an input terminal to one of the group consisting of a single-ended low-noise amplifier (LNA) and  
3 a single-ended local oscillator (LO).

1           3.     The circuit according to Claim 1, wherein an emitter of the first transistor and an  
2 emitter of the second transistor are coupled via two inductors.

1           4.     The circuit according to Claim 3, wherein an inductor-capacitor (LC) band stop  
2 resonator circuit is coupled to a node connecting the two inductors and to a current source.

1           5.     The circuit according to Claim 4, wherein the LC band stop resonator circuit  
2 includes a capacitor coupled in parallel to an inductor.

1           6.     The circuit according to Claim 1, wherein each base of the first and second  
2 transistors is coupled to a respective resistor.

1           7.     The circuit according to Claim 1, wherein each output LC circuit includes an  
2 output capacitor coupled to a respective output terminal of the first and second output terminals.

1           8.     The circuit according to Claim 1, wherein the input LC circuit includes an input  
2 capacitor coupled to an input terminal.

1           9.     The circuit according to Claim 1, wherein each collector of the first and second  
2 transistors is coupled to a respective inductor and to one of the first and second output LC  
3 circuits.

1           10.    The circuit according to Claim 1, wherein a base of the first transistor is coupled  
2 to the input LC circuit.

1           11.    A circuit comprising:  
2           means for providing a low-pass frequency response of signals received from a single-  
3 ended device; and  
4           means for providing as an output two balanced signals as a function of the low-pass  
5 frequency response of the signals received from the single-ended device, said means for  
6 providing two balanced signals including a differential pair amplifier means having a balanced

7 output and a single-ended input coupled to the means for providing the low-pass frequency  
8 response.

1 12. The circuit according to Claim 11, wherein the differential pair amplifier means  
2 includes at least one DC blocking capacitor.

1 13. The circuit according to Claim 11, wherein the differential pair amplifier means  
2 includes first and second transistors having their emitters coupled via two inductors forming an  
3 emitter-coupled node.

1 14. The circuit according to Claim 13, wherein the emitter-coupled node is coupled  
2 to a first terminal of an inductor-capacitor (LC) band stop resonator having a capacitor  
3 connected in parallel to an inductor, a second terminal of the LC band stop resonator is coupled  
4 to a current source coupled to ground and a voltage power supply.

1 15. A method for converting a single-ended signal received by a circuit to a  
2 differential radio-frequency (RF) signal, the method comprising the steps of:

3 operating the circuit at a differential mode to convert the single-ended signal to the  
4 differential RF signal and to form an output impedance matching network with first and second  
5 output inductor-capacitor (LC) circuits of the circuit; and

6 operating the circuit at a common mode to ground said first and second output LC  
7 circuits.

1           16.    The method according to Claim 15, further comprising the step of coupling an LC  
2   band stop resonator circuit to a node in the circuit connecting two inductors with a current  
3   source.

1           17.    The method according to Claim 15, wherein the first and second output LC  
2   circuits of the circuit are part of a differential amplifier.

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